

SHORT LOCALS

Mrs. Walter Archibald returned home Sunday afternoon from Sharnon, where she had been in the hospital at that place following an operation for tumors. Mrs. Archibald is much improved. Mr. Archibald went after her, making the return trip in an automobile.

Prof. I. S. Hinshaw, for several years one of the Durant ward school principals, but now superintendent of the public schools at Checotah, spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Hinshaw says he likes the work very well in his new home, and that he finds the schools there have been conducted along standard lines.

"Buy It In October" is a slogan adopted by many merchants in their advertising, and especially by Perkins Bros. in their two-page ad which is spread on pages six and seven of this issue. Read it. It will pay you.

Prof. E. B. Hinshaw, formerly of the Normal School faculty here, later head of the State school at Broken Arrow, is now in the banking business at Milburn, having been recently elected cashier of the First State Bank at that place.

George Ellis, of Kemp, was in the city for a few days the first part of the week attending district court.

Miss Sue Murphee, of Mead, and Mr. F. O. Walden, of this city, were married here Sunday afternoon, Rev. Taylor officiating at the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Rev. F. C. Murphee, of Mead, and the groom is a Durant young man, now employed at the Durant Ice Cream Company's factory.

Perkins Bros. "Buy It In October" advertisement on pages six and seven of this issue is worth your while to read. Many dollars will be saved by readers of this advertisement. w1

Editor and Mrs. R. F. Story returned from Oklahoma City Monday morning, after taking in the State Fair. They were accompanied by Col. Jim Tom Story, of Bokchito.

Clippie Hamilton was in from his farm, west of Calera, Monday, attending to business matters.

A careful scrutiny of the advertisements in this issue of the News will repay the reader manifold in savings effected in his winter supplies. The liveliest merchants advertise, and the advertiser for the explicit purpose of letting you and your neighbor know what they have to sell and at what price. You can buy better goods for the same money from merchants who advertise.

Attorney V. B. Hayes, of the firm of Hayes & McIntosh, was in Oklahoma City the fore part of the week attending to business and taking in the State Fair.

The News has for sale a couple of Keystone mailing books, which were discarded when the card system was installed for keeping up with subscription accounts. They are just the thing for weekly newspapers up to 2000 circulation, and can be bought at less than half price.

W. I. Evans, who has been sick at his home on North Fourth Avenue for two weeks, is up and around and back at his position in the Perkins Bros. store.

Officers Tom Tabor and Louis Goslin one night last week arrested a chap at the depot named Edward English, who had in his possession some six gallons of alcohol. He was locked up and his "mule" confiscated.

After all, you may as well stock up on fall and winter dry goods and clothing now as later on. Many savings are offered in Perkins Bros. "Buy It In October" ad on pages six and seven in this issue. w1

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Ferguson were in Oklahoma City a few days the fore part of the week, where they took in the State Fair, and where the Judge attended to matters of business.

Dr. J. B. Smith, heavy stockholder in several oil companies operating in the Healdton field, left for the field Monday morning to look after his interests in his holdings there.

"BUY IT IN OCTOBER"
By buying your winter clothing and dry goods in October, you get just that much more wear for the money, for prices are marked down to the bottom right now. Read our advertisement on pages six and seven and you will find many items to your liking, and to suit your purse as well.
PERKINS BROS. CO.

Buy It Now Buy It Here

We are more able now than ever before to save you money on Furniture, Stoves, Wallpaper and Glass.

S. BONNEAU & SONS

New and 2nd Hand Furniture

123-125 N. Second Ave.

LOCAL BOYS WIN TRIPS,

AND PRIZE MONEY, TOO

Farm Agent Fash has returned from the State Fair, where he "chaperoned" several Bryan County Boys who were awarded free trips to the State Fair by local business men for their accomplishments in an agricultural way, as displayed at the county fair in September. The following boys won the trips to Oklahoma City, this trip being given as the first premium: Alvin Cadenhead, Bokchito, first prize on corn, growing sixty-eight bushels of corn on his acre. He also won first on the best ten ears. Virgil Grantham, Bokchito, won first on cotton; Willie Grantham, Bokchito, won first on kafir; Louis Fox, Bee, and Eugene Rodocker, Durant, tied in the pig club, and both boys were awarded a trip. At Oklahoma City, Louis Fox won first prize in the eleven months old pig class. Seventeen pigs were shown in this class. This boy will get about fifty dollars in cash, and sold his pig to the packing house for ten cents per pound. Miss Irma Cooten won the trip to the State Fair school on best exhibit of fruit and vegetables. Margaret McCraray won the trip on best pen of chickens, and Miss Agnes Josseland won the trip on the best exhibit of bread. At Oklahoma City, Miss Margaret McCraray won second prize on best pen of chickens; Miss Agnes Josseland won third on bread, and Miss Lola Smith won third on best display of fruit. This is a remarkable winning for the first year club members, and they had to compete with members who have been in the work for several years.

WOULDN'T SELL ALL THE PAPER

We tried to buy all the paper this week, but the manager would only sell us a "double page," but cast your eyes over the many attractive prices on pages six and seven, follow the tip you'll get there, and we'll both profit. You'll save dollars and we'll make a small profit.

PERKINS BROS. CO.

FIVE NUMBER LYCEUM

COURSE ARRANGED FOR

Through the medium of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, there will be a good five number lyceum course here this fall and winter, each number to be given at the M. E. Church. The numbers are to be furnished by the Redpath Lyceum people, the same interests that have furnished the summer chautauqua here the past two summers. The program will be as follows: November 17, Everett Kemp, eminent author, lecturer, reader and philosopher. December 14, Southland Artists, musical trio, comprising Bartine, violin and piano. Fourth number, Peter McQueen, with illustrated lecture on the European war. Fifth number, The Fidelia Grand Opera Co. Tickets are being sold at \$2.00 for the five numbers, with special rates to students.

PROMINENT OMAHA MAN HERE

W. F. Stoecker, of Omaha, Nebraska, retired capitalist, with varied interests, among them the publishing of a largely circulated monthly magazine, is in Durant this week, with Mr. John Kuhl, of Randolph, Nebraska, and is looking over this country with a view to making investments here. Mr. Stoecker is a much-traveled man, and has been once around the world, and made other trips to continental Europe, Great Britain, Asia and Africa. When asked as to his impressions of the great war, he said he firmly believes that the Austro-German forces will win in the conflict. His belief, based upon observations of European conditions at close range, is that the real reason for the war is that England wanted control of the seas and wanted Germany crowded out entirely, which, he says, the German nation would not permit. Mr. Kuhl and Mr. Stoecker will both be here for several days, and Mr. Kuhl will visit with his sister, Mrs. John Lorge.

Legal Blanks at the News office.



RINGS

It would take a lot of space to go into details over the many varieties of rings that we carry. You must see them and let them speak for themselves. All sorts of rings here for you to look at—Wedding Rings, Engagement Rings, Gift Rings, Birthday Rings, Children's Rings, Men's Rings, Babies' Rings—some very cheap, and some costly, depending on what you want.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR PEACOCK RINGS AND FRIENDSHIP LINKS—THE LATEST AND MOST ATTRACTIVE NOVELTIES.

W. H. GUMM & SON

Main Street

Durant, Okla.

WANT COLUMN

TO EXCHANGE—Lands and stock of mdse.; paying business; in DeQueen, Ark., for Durant city property, or near-by farm. H. Towson, DeQueen, Ark. 39w6

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room; modern conveniences; close in; outside entrance; no students. Address "Room," care Weekly News, Durant, Oklahoma. w4f

TYPEWRITER—Brand new Oliver Seven; never used; \$70.00; terms of payment to responsible party. E. M. Evans, Durant, Oklahoma. w4f

FOR SALE—Well located residence property. Lot 80x150, east front, walks and curb, five-room modern house in good repair, three blocks from business center, close to schools and churches. Good well of water, outbuildings, etc. To sell at a bargain. Purchaser can assume \$1100 loan drawing 8 per cent. Small amount of cash can handle deal. See E. M. Evans, at News office. w4f

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished front bed room, first floor; all modern conveniences; close to business center of town; man preferred. Inquire at 608 North Fourth Avenue. w4f

LEGAL BLANKS—Chattel and Real Estate Mortgages, Warranty Deeds, Vendor Lien Notes, Lease and Rental Contracts, Oil and Gas Leases, and several justice court forms. Per doz. 25c postpaid; assortments or one form. Weekly News, Durant, Oklahoma. w4f

FOR SALE—Six horsepower gasoline wood sawing outfit, complete, ready to run; almost new; or will trade for food, horses, cows, or hogs. See Tackett, at M. K. & T. freight office, Durant, Okla. 38ff

WANTED—Industrious man can earn \$100 month and expenses retelling our products to farmers. Must have means for starting expenses and furnish contract signed by 2 responsible men. W. T. Rawleigh Company, Freeport, Ill., giving age, occupation and references. w1

NOTICE EXCHANGES—The Keystone Mailing Book is the quickest, most accurate, and handiest way of the world of keeping track of your subscription accounts with the least amount of work. We have two of them, one of 1500 and the other of 2000 name capacity, which we will sell at less than half price, and they have been used only about a year. News, Durant, Ok.

STATIONERY—The News Job Department has just received a case of very fine rag envelopes in 6-3-4 and 10 sizes, on which special prices will be made. Ask for estimates. Durant Weekly News.

USED FORD—Who has a used Ford that he wants to sell pretty cheap or will trade for good interest-bearing notes? Unless you've got a bargain, don't reply. Address "Used Ford," care Durant Weekly News, Durant, Okla.

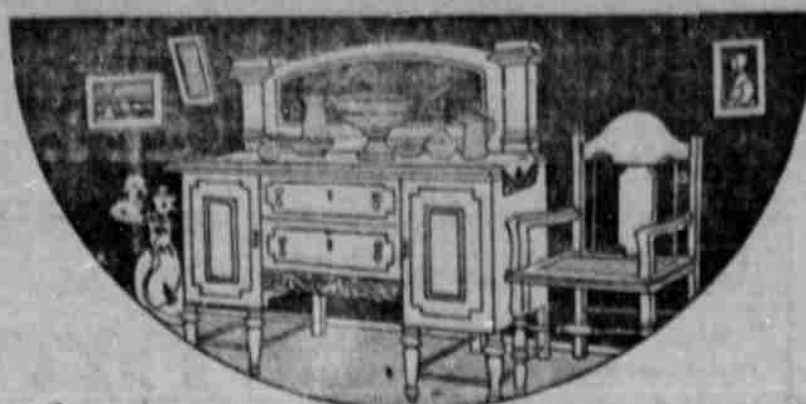
CASH SNAP—80 Acres fine land adjoining Durant on the east. Snap for cash. Will take in good trade. C. C. McCarty. w1x1

FOR SALE—Or will trade for Durant city property. 160 acres close to Shawnee, Oklahoma; well improved; 100 acres under cultivation; balance can be on State highway and rural route. C. C. McCarty, Durant, Oklahoma. w4s

NOTICE TO ALLOTTEES—I can loan you money on your land at 8 per cent interest. No red tape. No delays. Unimproved land accepted, as well as improved. C. C. McCarty, Durant, Oklahoma. w4s

Pat Hurley, tribal attorney for the Choctaws and Chickasaws, is authority for the statement that a big fight will be made before the next Congress for a per capita payment of \$200 a head for the Choctaws and \$100 each for the Chickasaws.

The Durant News, \$1.00 per year.



YOUR FURNITURE MAKES YOUR HOME.

THE equipment of your dining room is a subject that should occupy a great deal of attention, and it probably does. It is not complete, however, unless you have inspected what our store manager has on hand to show you. Sideboards, chairs, dining and serving tables in natural and stained woods. Everything in fact to give artistic and home-like effects.

Prices That Please!

Durant Furniture Company

Main St.

G. W. HOLMES, Mgr.

Durant, Okla.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION

The County Commissioners met on Monday of this week in regular monthly session, and attended to much ordinary and some little extraordinary business. The time of the Commissioners was "made up" all of the first three days of the week. Commissioner Ed Spears, of Durant, who has missed a meeting or two on account of sickness, was back in his seat this time.

The Durant News, \$1.00 per year

STINSON MADE GOOD GRADE

County Engineer Varner Stinson, who took the State examination at Oklahoma City a few weeks ago, made an average grade of 72 per cent, according to the information conveyed to him by the State Highway Department this week. Only twenty engineers in the State made grades above this. Sixty per cent is passing grade on condition, and 70 per cent or better is passing grade without condition.

WHEN YOU ARE HUNGRY

One of our home cooked 25 cent meals will hit you just right. The place we serve are the juicy, appetizing kind that make you call for more. Our steaks, chops, and other meats are just as good, and cooked to a turn. And fresh country eggs, too—just laid, you know—couldn't be served any sooner. Bring your butter and eggs to us for highest cash prices.

SILVERMOON CAFE

Third Ave.

Chancellor & Ramsdale, Props.

Durant, Ok.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Radford On Church and State



The recent action of one of the leading churches of this nation, in annual convention, demanding that the laymen vote only for candidates for office whose views coincide with those of the clergy on one of the leading political issues, and direct and indirect efforts of other church organizations to interfere with the freedom of the ballot, make one of the greatest perils of this age, and present a problem that should receive thoughtful consideration of both laymen and citizens.

Suckling babes may well squirm in their cradles when ministers in convention assembled release the hearts of men and grab them by the throat, for Christianity has broken down, religion has become a farce and the pulpit a failure. When the church substitutes force for persuasion, command for conviction and coercion for reason, the sheriff and policeman bury the dead, for why a church?

It is as dastardly a crime against government for a minister to undertake to deliver the votes of his parishioners to a candidate, as it is for a ward heeler to deliver a block of votes to a political boss, and both ought to be prosecuted, for the law should be no respecter of persons.

It is as objectionable for a convention of ministers to seek by canonical law to control the votes of church members as it would be for a convention of manufacturers to issue orders for their employees to vote for a certain candidate. Such conduct is offensive to decency, business morals and a crime against society. Any convention, whether composed of saints or sinners, rich or poor, white or black, that seeks to prostitute power and coerce conscience ought to be broken up by the police and its leaders arrested for treason.

A crime by any other name is a crime just the same. An ecclesiastical robe cannot sanctify treason, authority to preach does not carry with it license to become a political ringmaster, or the right to teach us how to pray give a permit to tell us how to vote. No man in joining the church should sacrifice his citizenship, forfeit his constitutional liberties or subordinate his duty to the state. The earth many times has been drenched with the blood of our forefathers fighting to throw off the ecclesiastical yoke from the state, and the suggestion of a return to these medieval conditions with their horror and their torture should not be tolerated for a moment.

Laws should be passed prohibiting any preacher, or combination of preachers, from delivering or attempting to deliver their membership or congregation to any candidate for office, and suitable legislation should be passed preserving the sanctity of the pulpit from political vandalism. It is as much a menace to church and state for a politician to occupy the pulpit as for a minister to preach a political sermon. He has no more right to preach his politics from the pulpit than a teacher has to teach his politics to his pupils. A preacher cannot make political trickery righteous by usage any more than he can make profanity respectable by practice. It is one of the ironies of fate that a preacher may become a scandal as well as a glory to civilization.

Condensed Official Statement

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Durant, Oklahoma

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$519,393.78
Overdrafts	2,978.98
United States Bonds	130,000.00
Stocks, Bonds and Warrants	32,561.69
Banking Premises	12,356.95
Other Real Estate	6,988.12
Cash and Exchange	127,150.32
	\$831,429.84

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	50,716.28
Circulation	98,000.00
Bills Payable	75,000.00
Rediscounts	34,446.99
Deposits	473,266.57

The above statement is correct.

H. D. NEELY, Cashier.

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